

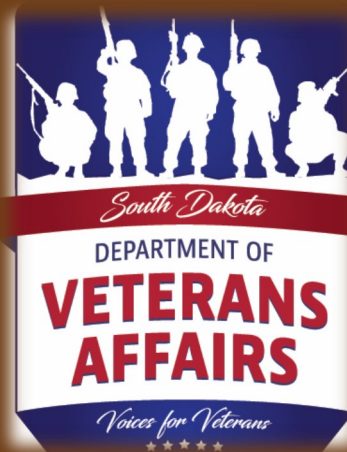
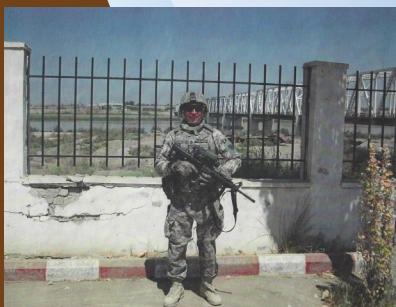


## Message from Secretary Zimmerman

The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs continues to build upon a strong foundation of training county and tribal veterans service officers across the state.

We support a shared commitment to serve veterans and their families. Serving as the local point of contact for veterans, you gather the necessary paperwork to support claims, file claims and assist in appealing claims that have been denied.

You are the Voices for our Veterans!



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## South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs Benefit School

August 20-24, 2018  
Gallery B & C  
Ramkota Convention Center



## Monday—Aug 20



8:00 am—Registration  
9:00 am—Welcome/Introductions  
9:45 am—Why Use 38 CFR & M21—1MR  
11:00 am—Intent to File  
12:00 noon—Lunch on your own  
1:00 pm—Fully Developed Claims  
2:15 pm—Service Connected Disability Compensation  
3:30 pm—Service Connected Disability Compensation  
4:30 pm—SDVSOA Mtg  
6:00 pm—Steak Fry—(American Legion Cabin)

## Tuesday—Aug 21



7:30 am—Registration Opens  
8:00 am—Welcome and SDDVA Update—  
Secretary Larry Zimmerman and Deputy  
Secretary Aaron Pollard  
8:45 am—Welcome Message from SD  
Governor Dennis Daugaard  
9:00 am—Pension—Heather Bullerman  
9:45 am—Break  
10:00 am—VSO Portal Tutorial/Benefits/  
Forms—Michelle Henderson  
10:45 am—Elder Abuse—Michael Sharp,  
Attorney General's Office  
11:30 am—HIPAA Compliance—David McVey,  
Attorney General's Office  
12:00 noon—Lunch on your own  
1:00 pm—Mental Health—Erin Brown  
2:00 pm—DMC/Treasury—Kevin Swanson  
3:00 pm—Break  
3:15 pm—Appeals, Erin Bultje  
4:00 pm—Hot Topics, Krystal Taylor  
5:00 pm—SDVSOA Mtg  
6:00—8:00 pm—Vendor Night—Gallery A

## Wednesday—Aug 22



8:30 am—Live Video Conference with  
U.S. Senator Mike Rounds  
9:00 am—State Testing will be done in  
Lake Sharpe Room  
9:00 am—Service Connected Disability  
Compensation DIC  
10:00 am—Understanding the Rating  
Process  
12:00 noon—Lunch on your own  
1:00 pm—Disability Pension  
2:00 pm—Death Pension  
2:30 pm—Medical Eligibility  
3:30 pm—Burial Benefits

## Thursday—Aug 23



9:00 am—The Appeal Process  
10:15 am—VA Home Loans  
11:00 am—Debt Management  
12:00 noon—Lunch on your own  
1:00 pm—Special Benefits  
2:15 pm—Obtaining Private Evidence  
3:00 pm—Ethics  
4:00 pm—Leadership

## Friday—Aug 24



9:00 am—Test Preparation  
9:45 am—Accreditation Test  
12:45 pm—Graduation

## SPECIAL NOTES:

We have numerous vendors that will be joining us Tuesday night. Please take time to stop by their booths—visit with them about their services and exchange business cards.

Partnerships are vital as we work together to enhance the lives of veterans and their families.

The training on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday is sponsored by the SDVSOA and is conducted by NAVSCO Instructors.